



SENATE PASSES SHIPPING BILL

SUBSIDY SHIPPING BILL PASSES FIRST BALLOT

All Votes for the Measure Were Cast By Republicans Five Republican Senators Vote With the Democrats to no Avail.

BILL HEATEDLY DEBATED THE ENTIRE DAY

THIRTEEN NEW MAIL CONTRACT LINES ESTABLISHED BY PASSAGE OF THIS IMPORTANT MEASURE—FOUR ON PACIFIC COAST —LARGE NAVAL RESERVE OF 10,000 MEN. OTHER PROVISIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A few minutes after 6 o'clock the Senate today cast the first ballot on the subsidy shipping bill which was passed by a vote of 38 to 27. All votes for the bill were cast by the Republicans of the Senate, and five Republican Senators voted with the Democrats against the bill. They were Burkett, Dooliver, La Follette, Spooner and Warner. The vote on the bill was preceded by action on a number of important amendments, and this by an entire day of debate. The bill establishes thirteen new mail

contract lines, four of these lines leave Pacific Coast points. The bill grants a subvention of \$5 per gross ton per year to vessels engaged in foreign trade, and \$5.50 to those engaged in the Philippine trade. Another feature of the bill is the establishment of a naval reserve of 10,000 officers and men to receive retainers after the British system. Vessels receiving subsidies will be required to carry a certain number of reserve men. When the shipping bill is disposed of the Statehood bill will be made unfinished business.

INQUIRY COMMENCES

Government Valencia Commission Convenes.

Presidential Commission Extends the Seattle Chamber of Commerce Representative Privilege of Interrogating Witnesses.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—The special commission appointed by the President to investigate the wreck of the Valencia and to make recommendations for aids to navigation on the north Pacific coast, convened this afternoon. Attorney W. H. Gorham, representing the Chamber of Commerce was extended the privilege of interrogating the witnesses. Attorney J. B. Howe, representing the Pacific Coast Steamship Co, asked the same privilege. He was informed that any time he considered his client was not receiving fair treatment he would be allowed to make suggestions. "There is no counsel before this board," said the chairman.

FACTIONAL LINES DRAWN.

ate committee on Inter-state commerce, the line between the faction advocating the passage of the House railroad rate

bill and the faction contending for the court of review feature, has been drawn so taut, that all thought of compromise is abandoned. All conferences today were between Senators thoroughly harmonized for one position or the other, and have been for the purpose of lining up for the passage at arms. It is not improbable that both factions will be willing to transfer the contest to the floor of the Senate and no roll call will be had in the committee.

BONDSMEN NOT LIABLE.

School Inspectors Pass Resolution Absorbing Dougherty Bondsman.

PEORIA, Feb. 14.—The school inspectors tonight adopted a resolution releasing from liability for the shortage of N. C. Dougherty, all his treasurers and bondsmen for the past eighteen years, and all the banks which handled school funds during that time, and calls for immediate proceedings against Dougherty's estate in order to recover as much as possible.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

Snowstorm Causes Freight Train's Crew to Make Fatal Mistake.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Feb. 14.—Three trainmen were killed and one fatally injured and six passengers hurt, but none seriously, in a head on collision near here today between passenger and freight trains on the Chicago and Northwestern. The collision was caused by a mistake of the crew of the freight, due to a blinding snowstorm.

CHINA IS ON VERGE OF ANTI-FOREIGN OUTBREAK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Major Devo, general superintendent of the transport service in San Francisco, shares with other army officers the apprehension of trouble in the Far East. In an interview today he said: "The awakening of China is here. There

were the same rumblings previous to the late Boxer outbreak. Every army officer expects trouble in China. An officer who arrived today from Washington on his way to China said he knew the war department had received grave news from China, but was not making it public."

FATAL WRECK OF THE JOPLIN EXPRESS TRAIN.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Feb. 14.—Two persons were burned to death, and another died from over-exertion and excitement in trying to save the victims, and five others were injured in a wreck early today at Columbus, of the Joplin express, north-bound, on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad. The train caught fire following the wreck and with the exception of a Pullman was consumed. It is likely that an investigation will be held in a short time to fix the responsibility.

RESIGNS EDITORSHIP.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Sir Francis C. Bernard has resigned the editorship of Punch. Bernard has been associated with the periodical forty-four years and was editor for a quarter of a century.

DEBATE IN HOUSE DEFENDS HIMSELF

Fortifications Appropriation Measure Passes That Body.

Republicans and Democrats Argue Over Two Amendments to Bill, But on Vote Being Taken Were Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Incident to the passage of the fortifications appropriation bill in the House today, a lively debate was kept up between the Republicans and Democrats concerning the policy regarding the Philippines and also the differences between the army and navy officers as to the place where the naval station and fortifications should be established in the archipelago. The debate availed nothing so far as legislation was concerned, as the two amendments proposed, the first, not to appropriate anything for fortifications in the Philippines and the second, to forbid the expenditure of any money at Subig Bay, were both defeated. The bill as passed does not specify where the defenses shall be located, but appropriates \$600,000 to be divided between the Philippines and Hawaii.

GOVERNOR BRADY OF ALASKA RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt this afternoon received and accepted the resignation of John G. Brady as Governor of Alaska. The resignation was handed to the President on behalf of Governor Brady by Judge Peck, of New York.

No announcement of the successor to Governor Brady yet has been made, but it is known that the President has in mind the man he desires for the office. It is not unlikely that the appointment when made will go to Lieutenant D. H. Jarvis, formerly an officer of the revenue cutter service who conducted a relief expedition several years ago to a party of whalers at Point Barrow and who is the general manager of a large salmon canning company upon the North Pacific Coast.

INQUIRY POSTPONED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—There was no development today regarding the mysterious explosion of the box belonging to Company B, Second Infantry, and the beginning of the official inquiry is postponed until tomorrow.

TUNNEL UNDER SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—Operating together, the Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific will build a tunnel under Seattle paralleling the big bore of the Hill roads.

OREGON HOP GROWERS FORM GIGANTIC POOL

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—Oregon hop growers today formed a shipping pool and will consign 3000 bales to the London market together with 3650 bales that will be shipped by Durst Bros. of Wheatland, Cal. M. H. Durst, who called the meeting, guaranteed eight cents advance on Oregon hops. It is believed the pool will net fair returns in London, and the balance of the Oregon crop left here will sell at higher figures by reason of the shortage created.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL.

HONOLULU, Feb. 14.—It is believed the fire in the cargo of the steamer Texan, which started the other day, is now under control. The owners expect to begin discharging the cargo tomorrow.

McCall Makes Statement From What May Be Death Bed.

Dying Man Defends His Own Work in the Company and His Relations With Andrew Hamilton—Never Wronged Anyone.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life sent from what may be his death-bed tonight a defense of his own work in the company and of his relations with Andrew Hamilton.

"If it's God's will, I am ready to go," McCall told his son.

"I have lived a clean life; I have lived my life as I saw it; no man, woman or child can say I ever wronged them."

When asked whether his father made any reference to Hamilton, young McCall said: "My father has the greatest love and confidence for Hamilton. There is nothing wrong in Hamilton's relations with my father or the company. So great is his trust in Hamilton, that if he were to make his will today he would name him as one of the executors."

TWO HUNDRED PERISH IN TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE

Awful Temblor in Ecuador Wrecks Many Towns and Kills Hundreds of People Tidal Wave Follows Earthquake With Disastrous Effects.

CATASTROPHE CAUSED BY VOLCANIC ERUPTION

COLOMBIAN VOLCANO CUMBAL BREAKS FORTH AND EARTHQUAKE ENSUES, CARRYING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE—HOUSES COLLAPSE—EARTHQUAKE ALSO OCCURS AT CARTAGENA—NO DAMAGE DONE.

GUAYAQUIL, Feb. 14.—Passengers from the province of Esmeraldas in the extreme northeastern part of Ecuador report that there was an earthquake on January 31st and several towns were severely damaged. At Esmeraldas City several houses collapsed. The village of Pinguagi was inundated by a tidal wave and many inhabitants were drowned. Ninety bodies were washed

ashore at Tumaco. During the eight days twenty-five shocks were felt at Esmeraldas City. The Columbian village of Guacada was also inundated by a tidal wave and 200 persons were drowned. The eruption of the Colombian volcano, Cumbal, caused the earthquake.

An earthquake of considerable magnitude, which, however, did little damage, occurred at Cartagena on January 31st.

OPTIMISM UNWARRANTED.

Conditions at Algieras Continue Same With No Developments.

ALGERIRAS, Feb. 14.—Yesterday's optimism regarding the outcome of the Moroccan conference seems to have been as greatly exaggerated as Monday's pessimism. It must be understood that one conversation will not suffice to settle the Franco-German difficulties, but it is a fact that negotiations are progressing with the same prospect of success which has always existed. The Associated Press has the best authority for denying the statement emanating from Berlin that M. Revert, the principal French delegate has proposed that France, Spain and one other power shall control the Moroccan policy. On the same authority can be stated no importance should be attached to alternations of optimism and pessimism in the French case.

CARRIE NATION EJECTED.

HOT SPRINGS, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Carrie Nation appeared in a local barroom today, and began lecturing the crowd, she was ejected and lodged in jail, charged with disturbing the peace. Later she was released in order to fulfill her lecture engagement.

TROUBLE LOOKED FOR.

Army and Navy Circles Expect Uprising in China Soon.

VALLEJO, Feb. 14.—There is a growing feeling in both army and navy circles on Mare Island that there will be trouble with China and 150 marines are under orders to leave for the Philippines next week. Further orders for the dispatch of marines are expected.

Dispatches ordering a resumption of repair work on several ships are also expected.

BALFOUR GIVES UP

Accepts Tariff Reform Program Offered by Chamberlain.

Liberal Newspapers Herald Balfour's Act as "Balfour's Surrender" and "Chamberlain Victory"—No Free Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Former Premier Balfour has finally crossed the bridge which Chamberlain held out to him, and in correspondence published late last night, he takes his position practically on Chamberlain's tariff reform program. This fact is heralded in liberal newspapers this morning as "Balfour's surrender", "Chamberlain's victory," etc.; while the Daily Graphic in speaking in behalf of Unionist Free Traders, deprecates Balfour's "Journey to Canossa" as his price for the retention of the leadership of his party. Chamberlainite Journals express complete satisfaction.

EXPLOSION IN STEEL WORKS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The accidental explosion of dynamite killed one man and injured seven at the Illinois Steel Works today.

MINERS AND OPERATORS READY FOR CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The district presidents and secretaries of the anthracite mine workers today completed the work in connection with the meeting of the coal operators and the special committee of mine workers, which will be held in this city tomorrow. Nothing remains to be done except to call on

the mine owners and present to them the determination drawn up. It is believed tomorrow's session will be brief and adjournment may be taken until Friday or some time fixed by the operators, when a reply will be given the miners. The mine workers tonight appear hopeful of a satisfactory adjustment of their grievances.